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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	033294-048
	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known - see 37 CFR 1.5) **10/522787**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/JP2003/009512	28 July, 2003 (28.07.2003)	02 August, 2002 (02.08.2002)

TITLE OF INVENTION

STEERING APPARATUS FOR A VEHICLE (as amended)

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

2. ☐ This is a **SECOND or SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below.

4. ☐ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).

5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))

    a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

    b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.

    c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))

    a. ☒ is attached hereto.

    b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))

    a. ☒ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

    b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.

    c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.

    d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.

8. ☒ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).

9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).

10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.

14. ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.

15. ☐ A substitute specification.

16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.

17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.

18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). ,

20. ☒ Other items or information: General Authorization For Petitions For Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees; Application Data Sheet, and PCT/ISA/210

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21. ☐ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: _____

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22. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

Basic Filing Fee (1631)					$ 300.00	
Surcharge of **$130.00 (1617)** for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).						

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	$		
Total Claims	4	-20 =	0	× $50.00 (1615)	$ 0.00	
Independent Claims	2	- 3 =	0	× $200.00 (1614)	$ 0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ $360.00 (1616)		
Examination Fee				+ $200.00 (1633)	$ 200.00	
Search Fee				+ $500.00 (1632)	$ 500.00	
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			TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		$ 1,000.00	
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				+	$ 0.00	
			SUBTOTAL =		$ 1,000.00	
Processing fee of **$130.00 (1618)** for furnishing the English translation later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).					$ 0.00	
			TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		$ 1,000.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). **$40.00 (8021)** per property +						
			TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		$ 1,000.00	
					Amount to be refunded :	
					charged :	

a. ☐ A check in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. __02-4800__ in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. __02-4800__. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

d. ☒ Charge __$ 1,000.00__ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITIONS
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby provided with a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as containing a request therefor for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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